The committee would welcome the views on the issues covered by the terms of reference from individuals, associations and other organisations in the State.

The suggestions may be sent to the Secretary to the Sales-Tax Committee, Mysore Government Secretariat, Old Public Offices, Bangalore, *so as to reach him on or before the 10th of May 1953.*

(P. N. No. 14—27-4-1953.)

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Press Note.

Supply of Electric Power for the month of March 1953.

The following statement shows, district-war, the total number of electric installations serviced during the month of March 1953 :—

Sl. No.	Installations	Bangalore	Mysore	Mandya	Tumkur	Kolar	Chikmagalur	Chitaldrug	Hassan	Shimoga	Total
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Lighting ...	378	886	95	57	60	31	113	61	57	988
2	Heating ...	59	8	..	...	...	1	1	1	3	73
3	Power ...	20	5	2	2	2	2	5	2	6	46
4	Irrigation ...	19	2	1	24	30	..	15	...	2	93
5	Cinemas ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6	Street Lights ...	70	65	23	14	...	2	...	49	12	234
7	Villages Electrified ...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

The total number of installations in the State as on 31st March 1953, was as follows :—

Lighting	1,15,669
Heating	6,889
Power	7,526
Irrigation	4,354
Cinemas	200
Street Lights	30,447
Villages Electrified	584

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Press Note.

The Mysore Rationing Order (Food) No. 2, which was in force in the cities of Bangalore, Kolar Gold Fields and Davangere has been repealed with effect from 1st May 1953. With a view to obviating any difficulties that may be felt by the public in the early stages of decontrol, all the existing ration shops will continue to function as Fair Price Shops from 1st May 1953 and persons who want to obtain their rations through these Fair Prices Shops may continue to do so by presenting the ration cards which they now possess. There will, however, be no restriction as regards the transport of foodgrains by consumers from any place to any other place in the State or the purchase of foodgrains in the open market for their *bona fide* consumption.

2. With the repeal of the rationing order, there will be no restriction at all regarding the quantity of foodgrains to be consumed by individual persons or for acquiring foodgrains in the open market with refence to their needs. The issue of foodgrains through Government Fair Price Shops will, however, be restricted to the quantities allowed on ration cards prior to the repeal of this order.

3. The Government of India have promulgated the Foodgrains (Licensing and Procurement) Order, 1952 and have extended its application to all the States including Mysore The main object is to clothe with authority State Governments which have decontrolled foodgrains, to commandeer foodgrains at reasonable prices, if, as a result of decontrol, prices of foodgrains rise abnormally or lead to hoarding. According to this Order :—

(1) It is obligatory for every dealer in foodgrains (both retail and wholesale) to obtain a license from the Deputy Commissioner for dealing in foodgrains. The license fee is Rs. 25 per annum.

(2) License is not, however, required for persons who have stocks up to 15 Imperial Maunds only which is equivalent to about six pallas of foodgrains.

(3) Landholders and their cultivators who grow foodgrains are not required to take out a license when their stocks do not exceed 100 (One Hundred) Imperial Maunds which is equal to about 36 (thirty-six) pallas of foodgrains.

4. The Government of Mysore are, however, exploring the possibility of removing even this small restriction with regard to license. Instructions have also been issued to see that no unnecessary harassment is caused to persons in the initial stages on account of the time-lag in obtaining licenses, and for such other technical defects. They are also taking steps to see that the usual normal trade channels are revived. Petty dealers in shandies, etc. will not be subject to hardship.

5. There will be no restriction with regard to the use of cereals and other erstwhile rationed articles in hotels and restaurants, and the number of courses to be served in lunches and dinners and also on the preparation of idlies and dosais out of rice. Restrictions regarding the number of people to be fed on the occasion of entertainments, marriages and funerals, etc., have been removed. The restriction over the opening of new catering establishments will, however, be continued for some time to come.

6. It is obvious that the successful implementation of the new policy requires the whole-hearted co-operation of the public in general and the merchants in particular. Government fervently hope that this co-operation will be forthcoming in abundant measure.

(P.N. No. 16—2-5-1953).

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FOREST DEPARTMENT

KOLAR FOREST DIVISION.

Brief Notification dated 18th April 1953.

SALE OF CASUARINA TREES.

It is hereby notified for general information that the right to cut and remove the casuarina trees yielding poles and firewood in the following plantations as per details in the Schedule noted below will be sold by public auction by the District Forest Officer, Kolar, or by any other officer deputed by him on Monday the 11th May 1953, at 2 P.M. in the District Forest Office, Kolar. The sale is subject to the confirmation by the District Forest Officer or the Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore, Bangalore, as the case may be.

2. The total number of trees available in the plantations is 5,591 which have been duly marked of which 4,900 trees are fit for poles and the rest for fuel and the sale will be held on acre basis.

3. Each bidder shall before he is permitted to bid, produce his solvency certificate in the prescribed form with an earnest deposit of Rs. 200 with the sale conducting officer before the sale is commenced.

4. Immediately after the sale is closed the highest bidder should pay one-fourth of the sale amount with the usual cesses and the sales-tax on the full sale amount.

5. The trees purchased should be removed within three months from the date of execution of the agreement which the purchaser has to execute within seven days from the date of intimation of the confirmation order on payment of the full balance sale amount.

6. For further conditions and other particulars, please ascertain the same from the District Forest Officer, Kolar, or the Range Officer concerned.

SCHEDULE.

Name of Range.	Name of plantation.	Approximate area.	Year of planting.	Estimated yield.
Malur ...	Lakshmisagara ...	30 acres	1939	
		20	1941	
		15	1942	About 120 tons.
		15	1943	
		15	1944	

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Notification in brief dated 1st May 1953

RE-SALE OF FUEL COUPES FOR 1953-54.

It is hereby notified for general information that the right to cut and remove fuel trees for fuel or carbonising charcoal as the case may be in the undermentioned coupes of the following State Forests of Kolar District for the year 1953-54 *i.e.* up to 31st March 1953, from the date of confirmation will be sold by public auction by the District Forest Officer, Kolar District or by any other officer deputed by him on 25th May 1953 at the District Forest Office, Kolar, subject to the conditions noted below.